

CHAPTER 717  
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

**761—717.1(328) Purpose.** The purpose of the general aviation airport infrastructure program is to provide funding for improvements to the vertical infrastructure at Iowa's 103 general aviation airports. The source of funds is an appropriation in 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 204, section 11, subsection 2, from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund.

**761—717.2(328) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code section 328.1 and rule 761—700.1(328) apply to these rules. In addition:

“*General aviation airport*” means a public airport that is owned by a governmental subdivision of the state of Iowa and that does not have scheduled commercial air service.

“*Primary general aviation airport*” is an airport identified as such in the 1999 Iowa Aviation System Plan.

“*Vertical infrastructure*” is defined in Iowa Code section 8.57, subsection 5.

**761—717.3(328) Information.** Program information, instructions, and forms may be obtained from the Office of Program Management, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010; telephone (515)239-1190.

**761—717.4(328) Eligible airports.** Eligible airports are those general aviation airports that are listed in the 1999 Iowa Aviation System Plan and that have a current airport layout plan.

**761—717.5(328) Eligible project activities.** Activities that are eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the following:

**717.5(1)** Hangar renovation or construction including associated design, land acquisition, grading, foundation work, floor slabs and utilities.

**717.5(2)** Fuel facilities including associated design, land acquisition, grading, foundation work, floor slabs and utilities.

**717.5(3)** Terminal building renovation or construction including associated design, land acquisition, grading, foundation work, floor slabs and utilities.

**761—717.6(328) Ineligible project activities.** Activities that are not eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the following:

**717.6(1)** Runway, taxiway, or apron paving. This includes any apron paving directly adjacent to terminal buildings or hangars.

**717.6(2)** Automobile parking lot grading, paving, or lighting.

**717.6(3)** Routine maintenance of pavements or buildings.

**761—717.7(328) Funding.**

**717.7(1)** The funding ratio for all projects is 70/30 (70 percent state funds, 30 percent local funds).

**717.7(2)** Maximum state participation. Using the appropriated funds, the maximum state participation is \$50,000 per airport per year.

**761—717.8(328) Project priorities.** Priority shall be given to projects which produce revenue for the airport such as hangars and fuel facilities. Rehabilitation of existing infrastructure where feasible shall have priority over new construction. Primary general aviation airports shall have priority over other general aviation airports. The department shall rank projects as shown in the following table, with number 1 having the highest priority:

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Primary General Aviation Airport</u>	<u>Other General Aviation Airport</u>
Rehabilitation of aircraft storage or maintenance hangars	1	2
New or expanded aircraft storage or maintenance hangars	3	4
New or expanded fuel facilities	5	6
Rehabilitation of office, terminal, vehicle or service facilities	7	8
New or expanded office, terminal, vehicle or service facilities	9	10

**761—717.9(328) Project applications.**

**717.9(1)** Project applications shall be submitted through the local transportation center planners to the office of program management.

**717.9(2)** Each application shall contain:

- a.* General information, including the airport sponsor’s name, contact person, mailing address and telephone number.
- b.* A capital improvement program (CIP) data sheet. The CIP data sheet shall include a sketch of the project, a brief description of the project and its purpose, and cost information including total project cost and an itemized breakdown of project components.
- c.* A resolution from the airport sponsor endorsing the project and authorizing the necessary local match funding.

**761—717.10(328) Review and approval.** Department staff shall review and rate project applications and submit its recommendations to the transportation commission. The transportation commission shall be responsible for determining the projects to be funded and the amount to be funded for each project. If two or more projects have the same priority ranking, but not all of those projects can be funded, priority may be given to those projects at airports that have the larger numbers of based aircraft.

**761—717.11(328) Project administration.**

**717.11(1)** After a project has been approved by the commission, the department shall enter into an agreement with the airport sponsor.

**717.11(2)** Payments. Payments to the airport sponsor for eligible project costs shall be made on a cost reimbursement basis.

**717.11(3)** Cost overruns. Costs in excess of the percentage match and the total amount approved by the commission are the responsibility of the airport sponsor.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57 and 328.12 and 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 204, section 11, subsection 2.

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